Measures for improvement of Darjeeling Himalayan Railway

5750. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken some important measures for the improvement of Darjeeling Himalayan Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, tat reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHA-RIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 18 new coaches recently procured have been pressed into service. These coaches are provided with superior passenger amenity fittings.

(c) Does'not arise.

Conversion of Solapur—Hotgi—Bijapur railway line

5751. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether conversion of Solapur—Hotgi—Bijapur line into broad gauge has been or is being taken up, in view of its educational, historic and cultural importance;

(b) if so, the provision was made for it during 1993-94 and what provision have been made for 1994-95; and

(c) the steps taken or are being taken to implement the project ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHA-RIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)	93-94	NIL
	94-95	Rs. 1 cr.

(c) The conversion work will be taken up on receipt of Planning Commission's approval.

Modernisation of coach factories in the country

5752. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to large scale conversion of old Narrow and Metre Gauge Lines to Broad Gauge Lines requirement of coaches in the country is likely to be increased;

(b) the present production capacity of each coach factory in the country;

(c) whether Government propose to modernise these coach factories with a view to increase their annual production capacity;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the financial assistance being provided by Government to the coach factories for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHA-RIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Present installed manufacturing capacity of each coach factory in the country under Railway sector and Public Sector, respectively is as under:

Railway Sector:		
1. Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala	1000	
2. Integral Coach Factory, Madras	1000	(incl. EMUs)
Public Sector:		
3. Bharat Earth Movers Ltd.	400	
4. Jessops	180	MG Coaches and 72 EMUs

(c) No Sir. The present capacity is more than the requirement.

(d) and(e) Do not arise.

Introduction of Rajdhan! Express Type Trains

5753. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is more stress on introducing Raj-dhani type of trains in the country as against the superfast mail/express trains;

(b) the comparative figures of these two trains as on date;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is more demand for superfast mail/express trains as they cater to more passengers as compared to Rajdhani which cater to limited people; and

(d) if so, whether there is any further plans of Government in re gard to these trains?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHA-RIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present there are only 7 pairs of Rajdhani Expresses as against a very large number of Superfast/ Mail/Express/Passenger trains.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Introduction of Superfast/ Mail/Express/Passenger trains is a continuous ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification and resource availability.

रेलवे में खान-पान/बिक्री के लिए लाइसेंस जारी करने हेतु दिशा-निर्देश बनाना

5754. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रेलवे में खान-पान/बिक्री के लिये लाइसेंस जारी करने हेतु कौन से दिशा-निर्देश बनाये गये हैं ; और

(ख) खान-पान/बिक्री हेतु लाइसेंस लेने के लिये मध्य प्रदेश से प्राप्त कितने आवेदन लंबित है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी०के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) रेलवे पर खान-पान/वैंडिंगलाइसेंसों का आबंटन क्षेत्रीय रेलों द्वारा सुप्रसिद्ध/ व्यवस्थायी खान-पान प्रबंधकों से आवेदन-पत्र आमंत्रित करके किया जाता है इस प्रकार प्राप्त आवेदन पत्रों की स्क्रीनिंग समिति द्वारा संवीक्षा की जाती है । चयन समिति उम्मीदवारों का चयन करती है और उनकी सिफारिशों को आधार मानते हुये तथा सक्षम प्राधिकारी के अनुमोदन से सबसे अधिक उपयुक्त उम्मीदवारों को गुण दोष के आधार पर लाइसेंस प्रदान किये जाते हैं ।

(ख) क्षेत्रीय रेलों को 9 आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त हुये हैं ।

मध्य प्रदेश में आदर्श रेलवे स्टेशनों का चयन

5755. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में कुछ रेलवे स्टेशनों का आदर्श रेलवे स्टेशनों के रूप में विकसित करने के लिये चयन किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इन आदर्श रेलवे स्टेशनों पर कितनी यात्री गाड़ियों को ठहराव दिया जायेगा?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) और (ख) 1986 में, मध्य प्रदेश के 7 स्टेशनों को "आदर्श स्टेशनों के रूप में विकसित किये जाने के लिये